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Abstract

5 A vehicle steering column (10) comprises an
axially extending input shaft (12) for connecting to a
vehicle steering wheel. The input shaft (12) is
rotatable about an axis (A) upon rotation of the
steering wheel. The vehicle steering column (10) also
comprises a housing (16) at least partially enclosing
the input shaft (12). A bearing (92) is interposed
between the housing (16) and the input shaft (12) and
10 supports the input shaft (12) for rotation about the
axis (A). The housing (16) has at least one series of
axially spaced, annular ribs (52) that at least
partially extend around the bearing (92). Axially
adjacent annular ribs (52) are separated by an annular
15 groove (58). A gasket (100) is interposed between the
bearing (92) and the ribs (52). The gasket (100)
encircles the bearing (92). The ribs (52) resist axial
movement of the gasket (100).